

Just one of those days!

AFTER their 2-1 Amateur Cup defeat at Blyth Spartans, Wycombe Wanderers could be excused for calling Saturday "just one of those days," for little went right for the Blues from the word go.

Wycombe decided to fly up to the game after the success of the Evenwood trip, but things started to go wrong when they arrived at Heathrow Airport. The British Midlands Viscount was delayed almost an hour which meant the whole schedule was disrupted.

We eventually took off about 10 o'clock and touched

down at Teesside, at 11.10. Sutton United, including player manager Ted Powell, the former Wycombe skipper, were also on the flight.

Wycombe then took a coach to the Magnum Hotel just outside Newcastle where they stopped for a hurried lunch before moving on to the ground. The coach returned to pick up the committee men but again it was delayed and we arrived at Croft Park only minutes before kick off time.

After the match the team travelled to Newcastle Airport for the plane back to Heathrow while five com-

mittee men and myself returned to Teesside. Sutton were also returning from Teesside and were obviously overjoyed with their 2-0 success at Spennymoor.

A coach met us from Heathrow and returned to High Wycombe at around 9 o'clock.

I managed to have a word with Blyth chairman Jim Turney before leaving Croft Park and he was well pleased with the result and the overall game. "It's sad to see Wycombe go out as they are a good side. But I'm glad we don't have to go to Wycombe next week."

"I thought the only time we were in trouble was from Wycombe's breakaways. Larry Pritchard impressed me with his excellent control while Mick Lister was our man of the match."

Wycombe boss Brian Lee thought Wanderers were unlucky with the general run of play and he described the outcome as "The saddest result since I've been at Wycombe."

But he added, "We don't build our hopes on one game and now we will concentrate on the Rothmans Isthmian League."

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ROB Williams, Wycombe Wanderers' utility defender who has been with the club for four years, has been advised by manager Brian Lee to find another club. Rob left Wanderers on amicable terms last week and did not make the trip up to Blyth Spartans on Saturday (writes Stuart Earp).

Mr. Lee explained that Williams wanted to know where he stood regarding a regular place at Wycombe. Brian said the player was unlikely to establish himself at full back regularly and advised him to find another club.

But he paid tribute to Williams' record at Wycombe. "Rob is a great competitor and

in that sense there is none better."

Rob, who joined the Blues in 1971-72, started the season as usual in midfield, but when Derek Gamblin broke his knee cap, he moved to the full back spot and put in some useful performances in that position.

When Terry Reardon signed for Wycombe, however, Williams' midfield place became unsure at Reardon's form quickly established himself as a number one choice for midfield. When Phil Wood moved to full back, Williams lost his place.

Before joining Wanderers, Williams skippered Wealdstone. In 1971-72 he made 50 appearances for the Blues and followed this in his next season

with a consistent 70 out of a maximum of 77 appearances. That term, Rob hit eight goals, one of the most important being his equaliser against Aveley to give Wycombe a 2-2 draw in the Amateur Cup first round.

Last year he played 42 games with three goals while this season made 27 appearances and was sub seven times, scoring against North Shields and St. Albans. During his stay at Wycombe, he represented F.A. Amateur XI's and made several Berks and Bucks appearances. Always a robust ball winner, his competitive spirit sometimes got him into trouble with referees. He is expected to sign either for Enfield or Kingstonian.